(b) The main suggestions received during the consultation process of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) are as follows:

(i) Internet Telephony and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Technology should be permitted.

(ii) There is no need for separate category of licence for Internet Telephony Service Provider.

(iii) Facility Based Service provider should be permitted to deploy VOIP as technology option in their network.

(iv) Standards for Quality of Service (QoS) for Internet Telephony through public Internet are still evolving.

(c) and (d) As opening up of Internet Telephony would have impact on all the categories of Telecom Service Providers, comments were invited from all the interested parties on the recommendations of TRAI by putting the recommendations on website of the Ministry before taking a final decision. Guidelines for offering Internet Telephony Services have already been issued on 21st March, 2002. Since Government had decided to open Internet Telephony only from 1st April, 2002, there has been no delay in allowing introduction of Internet Telephony.

Misuse of cyber cafes

2660. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to State:

(a) the cases detected against misuse of cyber cafes as per the Information Technology Act, 2002 in cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai in the calendar year 2001 for publication in the electronic from the material of "lascivious or appeals to the prurient interest" nature;

(b) what action have been initiated and whether license of any Internet Service Provider has been withdrawn because of this; and

(c) whether any PIL is initiated on this issue and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) The information is being collected.

(b) No Internet Service Provider has been found to be involved in such publications.

(c) A PIL was heard by Delhi High Court in February 2002 on the subject of exposure of children to pornography through Cyber Cafes.

Investment in Bangalore Satellite Earth Station

2661. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to State:

(a) the money invested in Bangalore Satellite Earth Station, not at present in use by C.DoT, Bangalore for providings satellite phone service;

(b) the reasons for not using the facilities; and

(c) the plan proposed to revive this and put to use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The money spent so far on this project is Rs. 21.8 crores including the cost of mobile terminals equipment.

(b) There was unstable performance of Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) transponders installed on INSAT-2C and INSAT-3B and failure of INSAT 2D. As such the basic delay was due to non-availability of space segment.

(c) The characteristics of the Mobile Satellite Services (MSS) transponders on INSAT 3C launched in January 2002 are under observation. As there has been considerable delay from the initial launch of the project, the demand from the users as well as